

Selected Articles: America's Hypocrisy and "Missile Diplomacy"

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Read our selection below on America's hypocrisy and missile diplomacy.



[Pompeo to Iraq: If You Kick Us Out, We Will Bury You](#)

By [Mike Whitney](#), January 21, 2020

The Trump administration is threatening to destroy Iraq's economy by withholding a critical source of money that is controlled by the Federal Reserve.

The threat is a response to the Iraqi parliament's unanimous decision to end Washington's 17 year-long military occupation. The Iraqi people and their representatives in parliament are incensed by the recent assassination of Iran's most revered general, **Qassem Soleimani**, who was savagely incinerated by a Hellfire missile on the direct orders of **Donald Trump**. Iraqi prime minister, **Adel Abdul-Mahdi**, and his supporting MPs believe that the US committed a gross violation of Iraq's sovereignty by killing a visiting dignitary without first obtaining the government's permission. This is why the parliament and the prime minister have asked the administration to respect the wishes of the Iraqi people and withdraw all US troops from the country.



[Attempts to Remove Morales' Memory from Bolivia Will Likely Reinvigorate an Anti-Imperialist Struggle](#)

By [Paul Antonopoulos](#), January 21, 2020

Last Wednesday, the coup government of Bolivia launched a massive military operation claiming to be a pre-emptive strike against the expected violence to occur this Wednesday during Plurinational State Foundation Day celebrations that memorializes the change in the name of the country and the adoption of a new constitution in 2009 under the Presidency of **Evo Morales**. Heavily armed military personnel on the streets, arrest warrants and the denunciations of deputies who are intimidated by violent groups has just continued under the U.S.-backed coup government in La Paz.



[US Boosts Funding of Tech Companies to Help Anti-Tehran Protests](#)

By [Katrina Manson](#), January 20, 2020

US government-funded technology companies have recorded an increase in the use of circumvention software in Iran in recent weeks after boosting efforts to help Iranian anti-regime protesters thwart internet censorship and use secure mobile messaging.

The outreach is part of a US government programme dedicated to internet freedom that supports dissident pressure inside Iran and complements America's policy of "maximum pressure" over the regime.



[The Roots of American Demonization of Shi'a Islam](#)

By [Pepe Escobar](#), January 20, 2020

The US targeted assassination, via drone strike, of **Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani**, apart from a torrent of crucial geopolitical ramifications, once again propels to center stage a quite inconvenient truth: the congenital incapacity of so-called US elites to even attempt to understand Shi'ism - thus 24/7 demonization, demeaning not only Shi'as by also Shi'a-led governments.



[Pompeo Claims to Know Nothing, but Can We Believe Him?](#)

By [Steven Sahiounie](#), January 20, 2020

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo stated in a Friday radio [interview](#) that he had not been previously aware that former US **Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch** had been under surveillance in Ukraine. "Until this story broke, the best of my recollection, [I'd never heard of this at all](#)," said Pompeo. During the interview, Pompeo failed to defend Yovanovitch or to express concern about the alleged stalking of a US diplomat.



[Trump Is the Third President to Lie About Afghan War Success](#)

By [Prof. Marjorie Cohn](#), January 19, 2020

The Bush, Obama and Trump administrations all routinely lied to the American people about the success of the 18-year war in Afghanistan. They exaggerated progress and inflated statistics to create an illusion that that the war was winnable. But after the deaths of 157,000 people at a cost of \$2 trillion, corruption is rampant and the carnage continues.



Remarks on the US/China “Trade Deal”

By [Dr. Paul Craig Roberts](#), January 19, 2020

The purpose of tariffs is to protect domestic producers from foreign competition by raising the price of imported goods. What Trump, his administration, and the financial press did not understand is that at least half of the US trade deficit with China is the offshored goods produced in China by such corporations as Apple, Nike, and Levi. The offshored production of US global corporations counts as imports when they are brought into the US to be sold to Americans. Thus, the cost of the tariffs were falling on US corporations and US consumers.

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